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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

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1. RABBI SCHINDLER TOLD ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER AUGUST 17 THAT WHILE IN ISRAEL HE HAD DISCUSSED ROMANIAN EMIGRATION ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND MFA DIRECTOR EVRON. SCHINDLER SAID HE RECOMMENDED INCREASED ROLE FOR ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY IN TALKS WITH ROMANIANS, GREATER INFORMATION SHARING WITH U.S., AND USE OF LISTS RATHER THAN SIMPLY NUMBERS. SCHINDLER SAID BOTH DAYAN AND EVRON WERE RECEPTIVE, EVRON COMMENTING THAT HE HAD LONG FAVORED APPROACH ALONG THOSE LINES AND WOULD WELCOME ANY SUPPORT.

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2. SCHINDLER SAID HE ALSO RAISED ISSUE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN DURING DRIVE TO AIRPORT. BEGIN PLEADED IGNORANCE AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: SCHINDLER SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF DCM VIETS WERE TO MEET WITH BEGIN

BEFORE PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR AUGUST 25 VISIT TO ROMANIA, GIVEN VIETS' FRESH BUCHAREST EXPERIENCE. VIETS COULD OFFER TO BRIEF BEGIN ON ROMANIAN POLICY AND

PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF JEWISH EMIGRATION. THIS STRIKES US AS GOOD IDEA; SUGGEST AMBASSADOR TRY IT OUT WITH EVRON. SCHINDLER WILL BE SENDING MESSAGE TO BEGIN SUPPORTING BEGIN-VIETS MEETING.

4. SEPTTEL WITH ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW. VANCE

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